

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

After paragraph [0021], insert the following new paragraph:

Fig. 5 is a flow chart of a method according to an example embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows a portion of a continuous strip 11 of sheet metal. The method according to the invention for cutting such strips will now be described. The strip is fed out (S1 in Fig. 5) from a coil of sheet metal in the direction of arrow f (the coil itself is not shown, but it is understood that it should be located below the strip as positioned in the figure). The strip is cut into three finite length sections 13, 15, 17, each having a length l and a width w. When a length of the strip has been fed out from the coil, a not shown cutting tool cuts the continuous strip 11 (S2 in Fig. 5) along a wave shaped line 19 and separates the cut section 13 from the rest of the continuous strip 11. This cut section 13 is removed and yet a length l is fed out and yet a section 15 is cut off. This procedure is repeated as many times as desired, and the cut off sections are ready for further machining.

Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following rewritten paragraph:

These cut off sections are ready for further machining operations, e.g. a pressing operation. In such cases, the edge portions 23 of the sections 13, 15, 17 have to be firmly held or clamped before the pressing tool is allowed to strike the sheet metal, otherwise the section would not be properly pressed (S3 and S4 in Fig. 5). A not shown holder device provides for the holding or clamping of the edge portions 23. When pressing is completed, these held edge portions 23 are considered as wastage and are rejected (S5 in Fig. 5).